



1. Record the date and location of catch.
2. Take several clear pictures of the fish/shellfish at full length with a measuring stick in the background.
3. Weigh the fish on a scale certified by a government agency for accuracy in the presence of two witnesses unknown to the angler. Record the names, phone numbers, and addresses of the witnesses on the application. In addition, ask for a weight receipt.
4. Contact the nearest Department of Fish and Game office (listed below), to arrange for a biologist to identify your catch. If a Department office is not located near by, you can take your fish to a museum or university where a biologist can identify it for you.
5. The fish may be examined by the biologist in a fresh/frozen/preserved condition.
6. Your application must be submitted with one year of the date of catch.

**Department of Fish and Game offices where species may be verified**

**Belmont** (650) 631-7730  
350 Harbor Boulevard, Belmont, CA 94002

**Bodega Bay\*** (707) 875-2521  
1785 Highway 1, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

**Eureka** (707) 445-6493  
619 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**Fort Bragg\*** (707) 964-9078  
19160 South Harbor Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 94537

**Los Alamitos** (562) 342-7184  
4665 Lampson Avenue, Suite C, CA 90720

**Morro Bay\*** (805) 772-3011  
213 Beach Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442

**Monterey** (831) 649-2870  
20 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100, Monterey, CA 93940

**San Diego** (858) 467-4201  
4949 Viewridge Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

**Santa Barbara\*** (805) 568-1231  
1933 Cliff Drive, Suite 9, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**Santa Rosa** (707) 576-7132  
475 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 130, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

\*-Field offices have variable office hours, so please call before visiting.